portation of coal from Talcher Coalfield by rail-cum-sea route through Paradeep Port as the most economical alternative. Until arrangements for movement of coal by rail-cum-sea route are finalised, coal would be moved from the Talcher Coalfields to the North Madras Station by all rail route.

The TNEB have earmarked two areas for inland ash disposal, one measuring 70 hectares adjacent to the site of the thermal power station and the other measuring 430 hectares located further South of the power plant. It is proposed by the Board to build suitable ash dyke/bund for retaining ash.

Forum for the Grievances of Public Sector Officers

*477. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no forum for the redressal of grievances of public sector officers;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to create such a forum;

(c) whether Government propose to extend the jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Tribunal for the officers of the public sector undertakings; and

(d) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b). A model scheme for grievance redressal procedure for staff and officers of the PSUs has already been evolved by the Government for adoption by PSUs with or without modification as appropriate to the enterprises concerned. The scheme also provides for setting up of the grievance redressal committee at unit/regional level. Most of the PSUs are having adequate mechanism for the redressal of grievances of their officers and staff.

(c) and (d) A provision has been made in the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 to bring PSU's/Corporations/Societies under the Central Government, within the purview of the Central Administrative Tribunal by issue of a notification under Section 14(2) of the Administrative Tribunal Act. The issue of such notification covering PSUs may be considered by Government as and when the Tribunal is fully equipped to take on the extra work load.

Investments in Public Sector Units

*478. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any fresh investments in the public sector units ;

(b) if so, the total investments made so far during 1987-88;

(c) whether Government are taking steps to ensure that all fresh investments in the public sector do not go to the loss incurring enterprises; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?